

Receiving Holy Communion

Orthodox Christians who have prepared spiritually are invited to come forward “with the fear of God, with faith, and with love” to receive Holy Communion.

Non-Orthodox Christians may receive the blessed bread (*antidoron*) offered at the conclusion of the service, but not Holy Communion. They may come up to receive a blessing during Holy Communion if they wish.

Preparation for Holy Communion includes confession of sins (even of sinful thoughts) and repentance, making peace with those around us, forgiving those who hurt us, asking for forgiveness from those we have hurt, and prayer. There is a special set of prayers called "Preparation for Holy Communion" to help prepare.

If you have further questions regarding the proper preparation for Holy Communion, please speak with Fr. Panayiotis.

Volunteers needed!

Festival Cooking

Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 am  
Spanakopita  
RSVP to Sandy Riley  
[sandy.riley@yahoo.com](mailto:sandy.riley@yahoo.com)



FESTIVAL WEEKEND

SCAN THE QR CODE &  
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!



34TH ANNUAL  
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**GREEK  
FESTIVAL**

HOLY TRANSFIGURATION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

**FRIDAY MAY 17** ..... **4:00pm - 10:30pm**  
**SATURDAY MAY 18** ..... **11:00am - 10:30pm**  
**SUNDAY MAY 19** ..... **11:00am - 4:00pm**

**\*FREE ADMISSION FRIDAY 4:00 - 5:30PM**

Greek Food & Pastries • Church Tours • Live Music  
Children's Activities • Greek Dancing  
Vendor Marketplace

**PRESALE TICKET  
OPTIONS NOW  
AVAILABLE**

FREE PARKING & SHUTTLES ALL WEEKEND!  
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770-924-8080  
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RAIN OR SHINE!

Admission \$5 per person  
Kids 12 and under free

**Parish Council On Duty:** Steven Pelky & Danny Vlahiotis  
**Greeter On Duty:** Kate Sklikas  
**Ushers On Duty:** George Saad/Daniela Chereches/Ken Bilson/Terry Bliss  
**Prosforo Bakers:** Cathy Costarides/Ava Hatzilias/Marty Driscoll

Sun., Apr. 14	<b>Sunday of St. John Climacus</b> 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy 11:15 am Catechism- LL Parish Hall classrooms 11:30 am Second Sunday Yng Adult Class & Discussion-Lighthouse A two year Memorial Service is given by the Stiakakis family for Mary Stiakakis. May her memory be eternal! A six year Memorial Service is offered by Maria Atmatzidis and family for Ioannis Koutouvos. May his memory be eternal! 12:30 pm Transfiguration Orthodox Academy Scholarship Luncheon-Parish Hall 12:30 pm Pitsirikia (Pre-K)-LL Parish Hall Classroom#126 12:30 pm Palamakia (K & 1st grds)-LL Parish Hall Classroom#128 12:30 pm Asteria (2nd & 3rd grds)-LL Parish Hall Classroom#125 12:30 pm Petaloudes (4th & 5th grds)-LL Parish Hall Classroom#125 1:00 pm Phoenix (6th-8th grds)-Olympic Gym 1:00 pm Eleftheria (9th-12th grds)-Amphitheater 1:30 pm Metamorphosi (Young Adults) dance practice-Courtyard
Festival dance practice	
Mon., Apr. 15	5:30 pm Hellenic Studies classes-LL Parish Hall classrooms 6:00 pm Great Compline-Chapel
Tues., Apr. 16	8:45 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church 9:15 am TOA classes-LL Parish Hall classrooms 10:45 am Kafenion-Atrium 4:30 pm Rental: Les Marmitons of Atlanta-Parish Hall/Kitchen 7:00 pm Mixed Choir Practice-Main Church
Wed., Apr. 17	10:00 am Chair Exercise Program-LL Parish Hall classroom #127 5:30 pm Hellenic Studies classes-LL Parish Hall classrooms 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (followed by a Lenten Potluck meal/Presentation-Parish Hall) <b>(Covered Dish: A-F Main Dish, G-M Vegetable/Side, N-R Salad, S-Z Dessert)</b> 7:00 pm Youth Group (GOYA)-Lighthouse 7:15 pm Potluck Dinner followed by Presentation & Discussion Presenter: Fr. Michael - Topic: <i>Wisdom from the Desert: Desert Monasticism &amp; the Suburbs</i>
Thurs., Apr. 18	8:45 am TOA Morning Prayers-Main Church 9:15 am TOA classes-LL Parish Hall classrooms 10:00 am Pareia General Meeting/Luncheon-Parish Hall 6:00 pm Great Compline-Chapel 7:00 pm Men's Choir Practice-Main Church 7:00 pm Young Adults Third Thursday Hangout-Lighthouse
Fri., Apr. 19	7:00 pm The Akathist Hymn-Main Church

Sat., Apr. 20      9:00 am      Festival Cooking - Spanakopita-Kitchen/Parish Hall  
9:00 am      Mixed Choir Lenten Workshop-LL Parish Hall  
1:00 pm      Rental: Harrah Reception-Parish Hall  
3:30 pm      Lilly Baptism (Sabrina Irene)-Main Church  
5:00 pm      Great Vespers-Main Church

Sun., Apr. 21      **Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt**  
8:45 am      Orthros  
10:00 am      Divine Liturgy  
11:15 am      Catechism-LL Parish Hall classrooms  
*A second tray will be passed to support Bishop Neophytos's ministry work in Kenya (see flier for more details)*  
12:30 pm      Hughes Family Fellowship/Coffee Hour (in honor of Jamie's birthday)-Parish Hall  
12:30/1:00 pm      Festival Dance practice (see 4/14 schedule)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Chair Exercise Program:** We will be meeting in the LL Parish Hall classroom #127 this coming **Wednesday, April 17th, at 10:00 am**. Please text Ann Zakreski at 770.329.7421 if you plan to come.

**Fellowship/Coffee Hour Sponsorship** is a great way to honor someone's birthday, nameday, memory, or a significant event with your church family. For ministries, it is a great opportunity to bring awareness to your group and gain members. Reserve your date using this [2024 Coffee Hour Signup Genius link](#) or scan the QR code.



**Philoptochos Book Club:** Our regular meetings will be the **first Tuesday of each month at 11:00 am in the St. Basil Conference Room/Library followed by an optional lunch out**. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, May 7th at 11:00 am** in the St. Basil Library. We will be discussing *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. All readers are welcomed to come.

**BEYOND HOLY TRANSFIGURATION**

**St. Stephen's Summer Camp:** Registration opened Thursday, March 28th. Slots fill up quickly. For more information, visit <https://atlmeteropolis.org/st-stephens-summer-camp>.

**FCAO Scholarships:** The Federation of Cypriot American Organizations is accepting applications until May 30th, 2024, for the 2024 Scholarship Program of Academic Excellence. For more information visit, [www.fcaousa.org](http://www.fcaousa.org).

The Scholarship Program of the FCAO is open to students of Hellenic descent who have demonstrated exemplary academic performance.



**Pascha Flowers**

If you would like to make a donation for decorating the tomb of Christ and the sanctuary for Pascha, please fill our the form below and turn it into the office together with your payment. You may also make your donation online through Vanco.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

OR

For the Health of (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Vanco

Donor Names and Dedication will be published in the bulletin on Pascha, May 5th.

*LUMINARIES for  
HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE*

Luminaries will be lit at dusk on Holy Friday and remain illuminated throughout the service, creating a path of loving memory and honor. After the service, you may take your luminary home with you. Luminaries are \$10.



*Drop a check off at the church office or  
Order online using Vanco or click the link below*  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z20M/campaign/C-10TMG>

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> bag

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> bag

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> bag

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> bag

or

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> bag

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> bag

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ 3<sup>rd</sup> bag

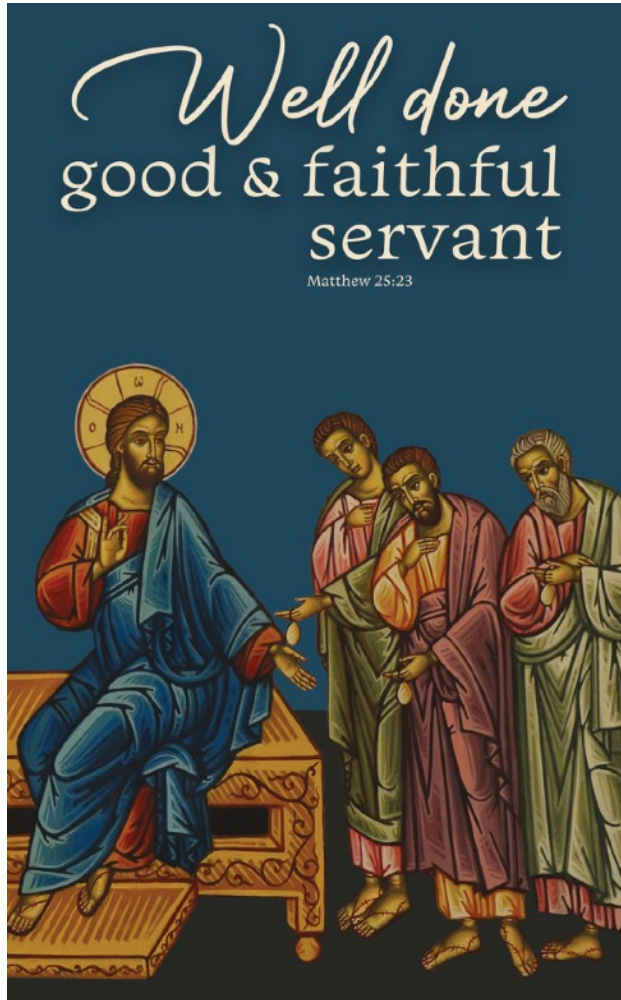
In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_ 4<sup>th</sup> bag

*Deadline to purchase is APRIL 26.*

*Thank you for supporting this beautiful Easter campaign and the Hellenic Dance Program*



## 2024 Stewardship Campaign



### How to submit your 2024 Membership/Stewardship Card:

- 1. PAPER:** Grab a paper Stewardship form from a Parish Council member in the Narthex on Sunday. You may mail back the completed paper form to the Church or drop the completed form in the offering tray.
- 2. WEBSITE:** You can complete the Online Membership/Stewardship Form for 2024 on the "Join our Parish" webpage of the church website, [www.holytransfiguration.info](http://www.holytransfiguration.info).
- 3. SCAN:** NEW in 2024—use this QR code. Simply point your camera on the QR code and click the yellow link that appears within your picture frame. It will take you straight to the online Stewardship form.



### So You Know

#### Operating Income and Expense 01/01/24-03/31/24

<b>Income Received:</b>	<b>\$245,744</b>
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$254,439</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>	<b>—\$8,695</b>

#### Stewardship Report as of 04/04/24

<b># of Pledges to date:</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>Pledges to date (\$):</b>	<b>\$684,142</b>
<b>2024 Budget:</b>	<b>\$882,000</b>
<b>\$\$\$ needed to reach budget:</b>	<b>\$197,858</b>

**THIS SUNDAY**

**TRANSFIGURATION ORTHODOX ACADEMY**

The Light Of Christ Illumines All  
**Save the date to Support Transfiguration Orthodox Academy Scholarship Luncheon**

Join us for an amazing Lenten feast of tasty Falafel, Hummus, Salad, Soup, delicious Desserts and more.

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
after service.

We are serving Falafel plates with two sides of your choice, pita bread and a bowl of red lentil soup .  
Dine in or Take out  
Tickets: \$17 per Adult  
\$12 per Child  
Online or at the door.

This Event Will Open  
With a Presentation  
by TOA Students

### TOA New Family Priority Registration Is Now Open!

We're excited to announce our New Family Registration for the 2024-2025 Academic School Year is now OPEN!

Priority Registration deadline: **April 15, 2024**. If any of our parish families are interested, or who know anyone who may be interested in joining our school, please pass the message along and share our application link to start the enrollment process here! <https://forms.gle/AbnLSj9wS7MhAnQs7>

We are also currently scheduling Educational Consultations for prospective families to learn more about our school and curriculum where they will be meeting with Father Michael, as well as touring our campus and classes!

If you or any family and friends are interested in learning more about our school, please pass the information along! Link to our sign up is here! <https://forms.gle/AbPYDpQxG1MNs1sJ8>

To receive more information, please visit our website at [toamarietta.com](http://toamarietta.com) or email [office@toamarietta.com](mailto:office@toamarietta.com).

Wishing you a blessed Lent! - TOA Launch Team





# Great Lent Services & Activities

## Weekday Services

**Mondays** - now thru Apr. 22 - 6:00 pm Great Compline  
**Wednesdays** - now thru Apr. 24 - 5:45 pm Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
**Thursdays** - now thru Apr. 25 - 6:00 pm Great Compline  
**Fridays** - now thru Apr. 19 - 7:00 pm Salutations to the Theotokos  
**Friday, Mar. 26** - 6:00 pm Great Vespers for the Resurrection of Lazarus



## Wednesday Presanctified Potluck Schedule

Last Name beginning with	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
A-F	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side
G-M	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad
N-R	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert
S-Z	Dessert	Main Dish	Veg/Side	Salad	Dessert	Main Dish

## Schedule Confession

Great Lent is a traditional time to schedule confession with your parish priest.

If you wish to make an appointment, email

Fr. Panayiotis  
[fr.panayiotis@comcast.net](mailto:fr.panayiotis@comcast.net)),

Fr. Michael  
[frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com](mailto:frmichaelhtgoc@gmail.com)) or

Fr. John  
[fr.john.htgoc@gmail.com](mailto:fr.john.htgoc@gmail.com)).

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH

### Guest Speaker - His Grace Bishop Neophytos

*Called to Serve: New Bishop, New Diocese, New Challenges*



His Grace Neophytos the first Kenyan Bishop, serves the Diocese of Eldoret and Northern Kenya spanning over 50,250 square miles and is comprised of 60 parishes that are served by 53 priests, many traveling far from their village via motorcycle to minister to those in need.

His Grace is committed to establishing the bedrock of faith while simultaneously constructing the foundations of churches and schools, brick by brick; but such a task cannot be accomplished in isolation, it takes a village.

Simple tasks we take for granted such as running water, a safe kitchen to prepare food, and indoor dining facilities for school children are but dreams to his people. "Let us join hands to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and provide water for the thirsty" states His Grace.



A second tray will be passed on Sunday, April 21st to support Bishop Neophytos's ministry work. Donations are accepted as cash or checks made out to HTGOC - memo: Kenya.

## Vacation Church School - Youth Summer Program

# RESCUED BY JESUS

## Calming the Storm



sing

learn

pray

play

eat

**JUNE 17-21**

\$50 Early Bird Registration | \$75 after June 1st

Drop off 8:45---- Pick up 12:30

For potty trained toddlers through rising 5th graders

Contact Hazel Bruce  
 (757)870-5977  
[hazolen@gmail.com](mailto:hazolen@gmail.com)



# LIFE AND FAITH TRANSITIONS GROUP



**Prayer • Exploration •  
Personal and Spiritual  
Growth • Stronger  
Relationship with our  
Lord • Service •  
Lively Discussions •  
Confidentialty •  
Respectful Listening  
and Sharing**

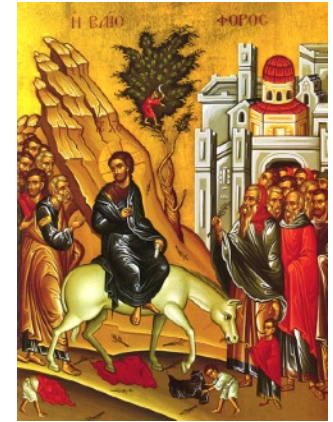
Our life journeys are filled with many changes and transitions, which are easier to navigate with the love and support of fellow Christians. Our journey to our Lord, Jesus Christ also requires many changes and transitions as we shed our earthly selves in favor of becoming more like Him.

The Life & Faith Transitions Group invites you to join us as we support and encourage each other through the myriad of life and faith changes, challenges, and transitions. Our goal is to nurture personal and spiritual growth, to strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ, and to enhance our service on behalf of our Lord.

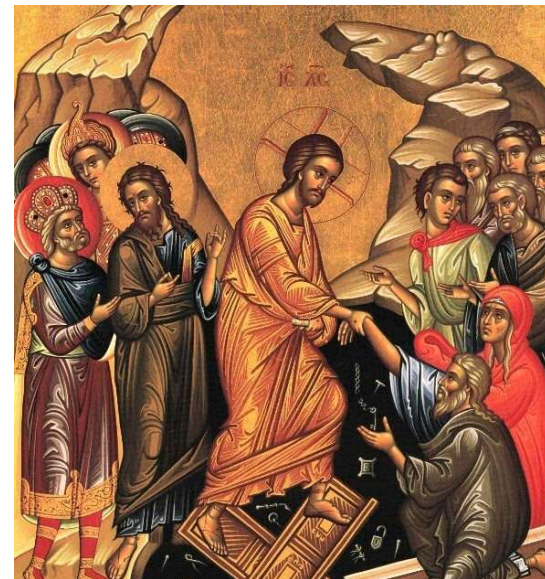
Our Group is not a book study per se, but we do rely on selected Orthodox Christian books to inspire our discussions. Presently, we are reading *Prayer as an Infinite Creation* by Archimandrite Zachary Zachary.

Upcoming sessions: Saturday, April 20; and Wednesdays, May 8, 22, and 29. Saturday sessions 10 am to 11:30 am; Weekday sessions 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

For more information, please reach out to BJ Spanos at 404-771-9335 or by email at [spanosbj@gmail.com](mailto:spanosbj@gmail.com). May God richly bless and protect you!



**PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON -- APRIL 28, 2024**



**PASCHA SUNDAY  
AGAPE PICNIC**

**CHRISTOS ANESTI!**

**THE AGAPE PICNIC  
ON BRIGHT SUNDAY  
OF THE  
RESURRECTION**

**PASCHA SUNDAY,  
MAY 5, 2024  
FOLLOWING THE  
GREAT VESPERS OF  
LOVE, 12:00PM**



## NEW CHURCH WEBSITE UPDATE

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that our new website will go live on Monday, 4/22!

The address is still the same – <https://holytransfiguration.info>

We have updated content in some areas and will continue to update in the coming weeks.

We would like to thank Dean Papastrat for his time and expertise in helping us complete this update. Dean lives in Seattle, so please thank his proud parents, Ann and Jon Papastrat, if you get a chance!



## PAREA

Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am

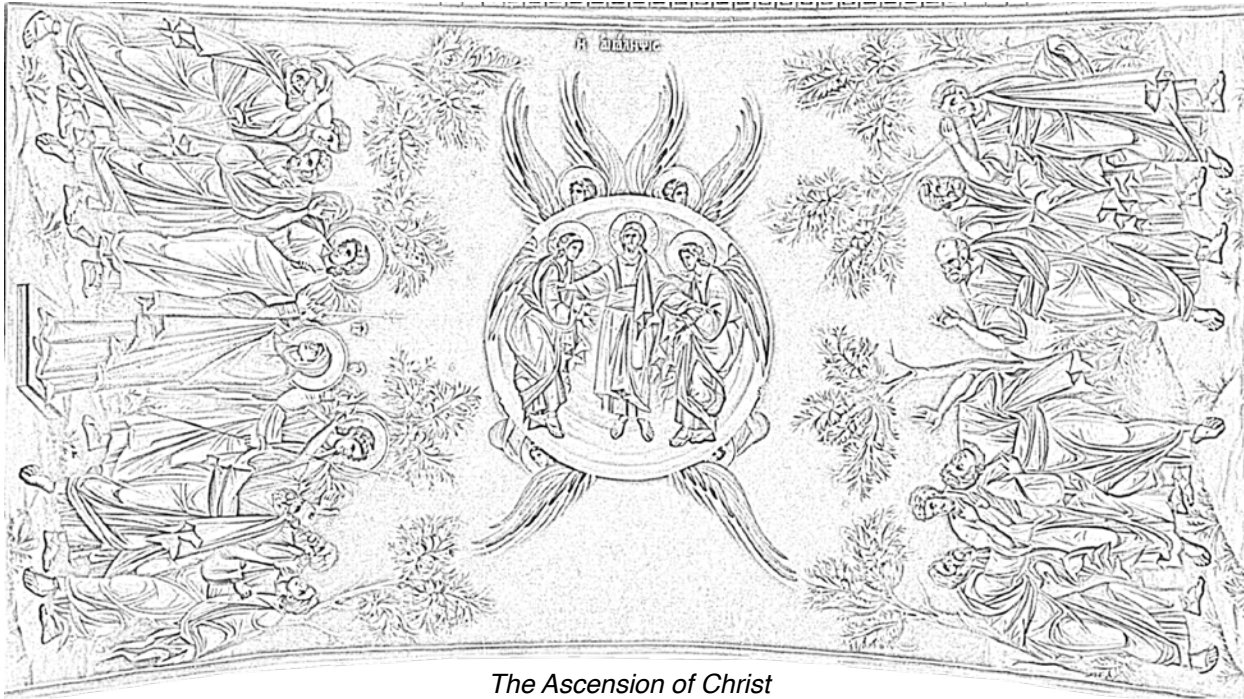
All adults are welcome to join for good conversation and a light lunch.

The cost to attend is \$5.00 to cover the lunch cost.

Should anyone have any questions they can contact Pat Koutouzis at 404-542-1924 or [koutouzisjd@comcast.net](mailto:koutouzisjd@comcast.net).



## ICONOGRAPHY UPDATE - Next Phase



*The Ascension of Christ*

As everyone is aware, the installation of the new iconography in the Church is moving ahead and is targeted to be completed before Holy Week this month!! If you have not seen the work in progress, it is truly stunning. We are pleased to let everyone know that we have an opportunity to continue our iconography project later this fall in the October timeframe. Thanks to the organic donations from throughout our parish, we have the funds available to cover the cost of the painting of the Ascension of Christ, shown above. This iconography work will cover the arch over the Solea (the elevated area in front of the iconostasion). However in order for this work to be installed, we need to raise \$12,000 to cover the cost of the scaffolding. If your patron Saint is one of the Apostles of Christ, here's your chance to sponsor your Saint in some small way. Let us all come together and make this happen.

There is also a separate opportunity to totally complete the iconography in the front of our Church with the installation of Saints Peter and Paul (shown above). Saint Peter will be installed on the wall next to the baptistry and St. Paul will be installed on the wall next to the Shrine of St. Nektarios. The background for both will be gold leaf. Two Seraphims will flank the center light fixture on a field of blue over each area. The cost of each icon is \$12,500. There are a number of individuals in our community whose patron Saints (or a family member's) are Peter or Paul. This is a wonderful opportunity to join forces with others whose patron Saints are Peter and Paul and together have these two wonderful icons completed this October along with the Ascension of Christ.

We are so close to being able to complete the rest of the iconography for the front of our Church. We only need \$37,000 in total. During this Pascha season, let's all come together once again and make this a reality. Once we have completed this work, our iconography funds will be nearly exhausted and our next effort will be a parish wide fund raising campaign similar to our building fund effort and will be spread over a 3 to 5 year period of time. The goal of this campaign is to completely finish the iconography in our beautiful Sanctuary. More on this will be coming early next year.

If you are interested in helping in these organic, grassroot efforts, please contact Father Panayiotis or Cedric Dunkerly ([cdunkerly@comcast.net](mailto:cdunkerly@comcast.net) or call 770.722.9773).



*St. Peter*

*St. Paul*